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SOCNAV INFORMATION

SOCNAV (Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges for the Navy) consists of 85 accredited colleges offering specific associate and bachelors degrees to Navy members worldwide through resident courses or distance learning. Colleges taking part in each curriculum area guarantee to accept each other's credits for transfer. The "home" college issues an official evaluation of all prior learning on a SOCNAV Agreement. This agreement serves as the student's long range degree plan.

Why become a SOCNAV student? SOCNAV colleges offer degrees in many different areas (called networks). Students do not lose credits; transferability of courses within the same network is guaranteed from one SOCNAV college to another. Required residency is kept to a minimum. Many SOCNAV networks are closely related to Navy ratings, resulting in maximum award of credit for Navy training. SOCNAV colleges all over the world can be used to satisfy the degree requirements of the home college. SOCNAV programs are available at many military installations; distance learning options are available everywhere. The SOCNAV degree plan prevents the student from duplicating courses already completed. Contact the Navy College Office for additional information on SOCNAV, or visit the following website:

http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav

TUITION ASSISTANCE UPDATE!

Effective immediately, the Navy will pay 100% of tuition costs and all required fees charged by educational institutions for course enrollments, with the following stipulations:

A. Payment for tuition and fees will not exceed $250.00 per semester hour.

B. There will be a fiscal year funding limit of 12 semester hours (or equivalent) per individual.

C. TA will cover fees that are published, mandatory and charged for course enrollment.

D. TA funds will not be used to purchase textbooks or reading materials.

Waivers to semester hour limits will be considered for exceptional circumstances, using procedures outlined in NAVADMIN 349/02. For additional information contact the Navy College Office.

TUITION ASSISTANCE REMINDER!!!!!!

Tuition Assistance Applications MUST be turned in prior to the start of the course. Waivers for late TA applications, sometimes called "after-the-fact", **are NO longer allowed.** This applies to TA applications submitted after the school's late registration deadline and to TA applications submitted after course completion. **TA will not be authorized after the school's late registration deadline**. For additional information please contact the Navy College Office.

NAVY COLLEGE PROGRAM DISTANCE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP (NCPDLP)

NAME CHANGE: The Navy College Rating Partner Program is now the **Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership**. In responding to Sailor's need for greater access to higher education, the Navy College Program (NCP) has developed partnerships with colleges and universities to offer rating-related degrees via distance learning to Sailors everywhere. These new education partnerships provide Associate and Bachelor degree programs related to each rating, and make maximum use of military professional training and experience to fulfill degree requirements. The goal of the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership is to support both the Sailor's mobile lifestyle and educational goals with rate-related degree programs. Courses are offered in a variety of formats, such as CD-ROM, videotape, paper, or over the Internet. The partnership schools are:

City University

Coastline Community College

Dallas County Community College

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Empire State University

Florida Community College

Florida State University

Fort Hays State University

George Washington University

Old Dominion University

Pikes Peak Community College

Rogers State University

Thomas Edison State College

Troy State University

University Of Maryland University College

Vincennes University

The following degrees are offered by Navy College Rating Partner Schools.

The types of degrees, and transferability to upper degree programs vary from school to school. Check with the Navy College Office or respective partnership school for more details.

AA
Associate of Arts (2-year degree)
AAS
Associate of Applied Science (2-year degree)
AS
Associate of Science (2-year degree)
ASAST
Associate of Science in Applied Science and Technology (2-year degree)
ASGE
Associate of Science in General Education (2-year degree)
BA
Bachelor of Arts 4 year degree)

BAS
Bachelor of Applied Science (4 year degree)

BS
Bachelor of Science (4 year degree)
BGS
Bachelor of General Studies (4-year degree)
BSAST
Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology (4 year degree)
BSET
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

Visit the Navy College Office or the Navy College Center at
http://www.navycollege.navy.mil
for more information on all the education programs available to you through the Navy College Program.

IMPORTANT TUITION ASSISTANCE POLICY CHANGES!!!!

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!!

You may now use Tuition Assistance (TA) for lateral and lower level degree and certificate programs. Tuition Assistance can also now be authorized for all semester hour, quarter hour, and clock hour courses, **including CEU courses (Continuing Education Units)** that lead to a degree and/or certificate. The courses must be

offered by institutions accredited by regional or national accrediting bodies recognized by the Department of Education. This is a brand new policy change and it is effective immediately**.** Contact the Navy College Office for additional information.

NEW NAVY E-LEARNING WEBSITE

The new Navy E-Learning Websites can help you prepare for advancement and help you earn your college degree. The new web sites
http://www.navylearning.com and
http://www.navylearning.navy.mil

provide Sailors with greater access to training, education, and professional development information.

The new Navy E-Learning web sites offer more than 800 information technology (IT) courses, 350 soft skill (i.e., leadership and management) courses, and 37 military courses, via a single, integrated portal. The goal of Navy E-Learning is to provide access to courses that provide the knowledge and skills the Navy workforce needs to empower themselves and foster lifelong learning habits. Individuals logging into Navy E-Learning will be able to control the time, place, and extent of learning.

Information on the Navy College Program (NCP) and information from the Navy Advancement Center can be accessed directly via Navy E-Learning. Users can search the catalog for courses by identifying skills or occupations of interest. They can identify personal skills they want to improve, assess their level of proficiency, track improvements and identify Navy E-Learning courses aimed at developing the selected skills. Navy E-Learning will also manage, track and record course usage and completions.

Navy E-Learning is available at no cost to all Department of the Navy personnel that (active duty, reserve personnel, civil service employees and active duty family members.) Naval personnel with access to the Internet, either from work or home, can access Navy E-Learning 24 hours a day, seven days a week. .

NEW VA LAWS!!!!

Recent legislation significantly affects VA education benefits. A substantial increase in MGIB benefits was enacted.
Also, many veterans previously not eligible will get a second chance to be eligible for MGIB. **View the summary document at:**

http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/News/S1402summary.htm

Before this law, the military services, through their Tuition Assistance program, generally could pay up to 75% of the tuition or expenses charged by the school. Eligible service members had to find additional financing, or pay the remaining expenses from their own pockets. A service member eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), a VA education benefit, wasn't allowed to receive both Tuition Assistance and the MGIB for the same course.

What does this provision mean to me?

If you're eligible for MGIB, and plan to use Tuition Assistance (TA), you can now use MGIB top-up to pay the balance.

For more information, visit the VA website at:
http://www.gibill.va.gov/education

or stop by the Navy College Office.

Tuition Assistance TOP-UP Claims, Addresses, and EFT Information:

VA Form 22-1990 should be submitted only if this is the first claim for VA Education benefits for the student. Subsequent forms other than the Tuition Assistance forms, are not necessary unless you have a new address or
are adding or changing EFT (Direct Deposit) information. This information can be included on any form of correspondence or provided by telephone at 1-888-GIBILL1 after the first payment has been received.

Free Applications For Federal Student Aid

The Free Applications For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filled out and submitted online at the FAFSA website:

http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE WEB SITE

The Navy College Office now has a new and improved web site available for you! Just go to:
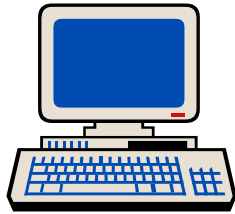**http://hro.navair.navy.mil/training/navcollege.htm**

There are many new items of interest that you will want to check out. For example, **you can now view, fill out, and print TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS directly from the web site!!!!** Be sure to check out the new site today!!

"SMART" IS NOW ONLINE!!!

The Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART) is now available **ONLINE!!!!! You can now view and print your own copy of the SMART Transcript**!!!! Just go to
and follow instructions. SMART is a record which documents all Navy and Marine military occupational experience and training, along with the corresponding recommended college credit.

For more information on the SMART program contact the Navy College Office at 757-4100, or
visit our office in Building 2189, Room 145.

TESTING CENTER NEWS

ATTENTION: NOT ALL TESTS ARE IN STOCK! It will take approximately 4-6 weeks for a test to arrive once it has been ordered, so plan ahead! Schedule your tests early to avoid the rush for the upcoming semester. Call 301-757-4111 for scheduling and test date information.

TESTING INFORMATION-CALCULATOR USAGE

The question, "Can I use a calculator with this test?" is often asked by examinees.   The most
frequently administered examinations that allow the use of a non-programmable calculator are:

DSST's
Fundamentals of College Algebra
Principles of Finance
Principles of Financial Accounting
Introduction to Computing
Business Mathematics

CLEP Examinations
CLEP General College Mathematics
College Algebra
General Chemistry
Principles of Accounting
Calculus w/ Elementary Functions

Excelsior College Examinations

Statistics (must be an official Regents College Examination calculator)

SAT I
Math Section only

ACT Assessment
Math Section only

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1.   Select the college you want to attend and classes you want to take. Students who are planning on Tuition Assistance for the first time MUST schedule an appointment with the counselor.

2.   Pick up the Tuition Assistance (TA) Application form at the Navy College

Office (Bldg. 2189, Room 145). This form
can also be accessed at
www.navycollege.navy.mil

3. Complete and sign the TA application form.

    *Student signatures are now required on both the front and back of the TA application form**.

4. Have your Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, or Officer in Charge sign the completed application form.

5. Submit the completed TA form to the Navy College Office. This form can also be faxed to the Navy College Office.

6. The Navy College Office will contact you within 48 hours to pick up the authorized TA document. This form may also be faxed to you.

7. Turn the approved document into the school when you register.

Contact the Navy College Office if you have any questions!!!!

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The Navy College Office has a variety of new educational resources available for military personnel! Some of the resources available include: Peterson's Four-Year Colleges, Peterson's Two-Year Colleges, Vocational and Technical Schools, Paying Less for College, College Money Handbook, The College Handbook, College Costs and Financial Aid Handbook, Scholarships,

Grants and Prizes. These are all excellent resources for your educational needs.

The Navy College Office also has **study guides available for all CLEP and DSST tests. They are free of charge for active duty military personnel!!**